Freedom is road to peace

I had planned to ignore Harold Weisberg's July 9 letter of double-talk, wherein he decides that now I am not just stupid but also ignorant. He then twists the words he writes to claim that I believe "peace" is communistic, when the truth is the exact opposite of this. War, not peace, is synonomous with communism.

Dictatorial communism has been the direct cause of every war this world has known since World War II, with the possible exception of the Iraq-Iran conflict. And these Russian wars still rage on three continents: Africa, Asia and Latin America. All for the evil purpose of imposing a failed system of dictatorship upon those too weak to successfully resist, and furthering the imperialistic aims of a world-wide Russian empire.

Now that permission has been foolishly granted for the Veterans Peace Convoy to deliver their humanitarian goods to the people of Nicaragua, I do feel compelled to respond. Let's hope that the loving Mr. Weisberg will feel less frustrated now, over this "charitable" cause he supported. And maybe even hate me a little less.

In spite of his two lengthy letters condemning my opposition to the Frederick cell of the Western Maryland Peace Resource Center, Mr. Weisberg hasn't answered a simple question that I asked. And I guess he won't.

My opposition to permitting the Veterans Peace Convoy to procede to Nicaragua is based on simple common sense. It is not a failure on my part to feel love for our Latin American neighbors.

If the American people listened to our "Peace Activists" and supplied massive humanitarian aid to the people of Nicaragua, so that food, medicine, medical supplies, as well as trucks, then building supplies, were then followed by engineers, such as Ben Linder, what do you think would result?

Would an avowed communist dictator, supported by a 2 million man military, who controls the banks, the press, the radio, telegraph and mail, as well as anything else he chooses to control, become weakened by such massive charity?

Of course not! His position of power would be strengthened. By our charity we would have relieved his people from the suffering he has caused, and the dictator's power, no longer threatened by public discontent, would be the more easily sustained.

Let's not confirm communistic dictatorship upon the Nicaraguan people by thoughtless foolish acts that we wrongly see as love and charity. That's not the road to peace. Freedom is the road, because without it there is no peace.

Let's work for the good of our Nicaraguan friends, not for their continued bondage.

If there is a peaceful way to depose their communist dictator and establish a true democracy in Nicaragua, then for God's sake be charitable enough to support such an effort.

If it cannot be done peacefully, we are morally obliged to accomplish this result in any way that we are able. And our supplying the goods their communistic dictatorship has denied these poor people is not the answer.

Only when a true democracy has been installed there, should we open the spigots of love and charity, like we have done throughout the world ever since World War II — at least where we have been permitted to.

I personally fear that a peaceful solution is all but impossible. Such power is never relinquished willingly. Internal revolution, or international force, or both, will most likely be necessary to bring freedom to Nicaragua. And neither would be peaceful.

And please, Mr. Weisberg, don't charge me with wanting war instead of peace. The unacceptable condition of a foreign power colonizing the independent nations in this hemisphere is the cause of war, and this is the fault of international communism. Not my fault at all. My only fault is to resist it — and by war, if indeed we must.

Make freedom and we shall know peace.

Make peace with the acceptance of communism in this hemisphere and freedom will be forfeit.

Forfeit freedom and you have caused a war.

Freedom is the great gift of love and charity that we must provide for our Nicaraguan neighbors.

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